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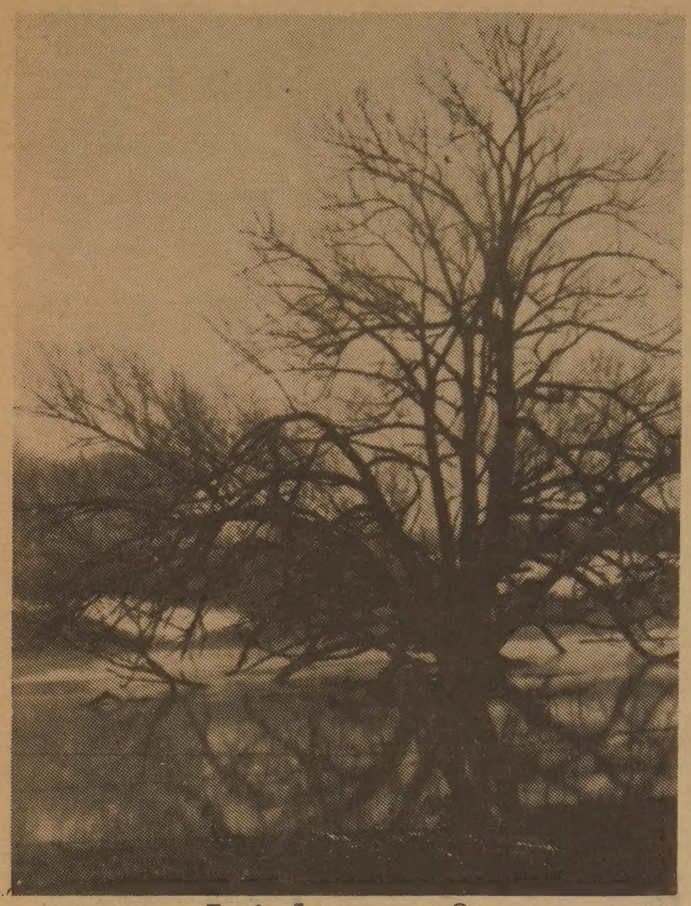

Is it here yet?

The first signs of spring have yet to appear on the branches of this naked tree standing alongside the Merrittville highway. Weather forecasts for the weekend and early next week practically guarantee leaves on all trees soon. (Photo by MacKay)

Council of Regents meets in peninsula

By NIAGARA NEWS STAFF

The Ontario Council of Regents talked with Niagara students and college officials at luncheon yesterday and during meetings over a two-day period. The council is the advisory body to Dr. Bette Stephenson, minister of colleges and universities, on the operation of the province's 22 community colleges.

Almost all of the meetings were of a closed-door variety. The council had not made arrangements for a press conference during the visit to permit media to talk to council members about Niagara or community colleges generally.

A Niagara News representative was permitted to sit through a meeting with students yesterday afternoon.

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, and Eleanor Lancaster, chairman of Niagara's Board of Governors, were to sit in on council meetings yesterday and this morning where, Miss Robarts said, they expected to be given opportunities to speak on college matters.

The council holds monthly meetings around the province so each college is visited at least once every three years. This is the second visit to the peninsula.

AGENDA UNKNOWN

Jim Walters, immediate past president, Student Administrative Council, said he had no idea ahead of time what a meeting on Thursday afternoon was about. He said the old and new SAC executives had been invited to the meeting.

Duane Orr, president of Local 242, Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) which represents faculty, said he had not been informed of the agenda for a luncheon Thursday at the Holiday Inn, St. Catharines, but said he thought it was a "social thing."

Mr. Orr called Mary Hornak, secretary to the Board of Governors, to determine the purpose of the visit and said its primary purpose was to meet with students, not faculty.

Elizabeth Wilson-Zorzetto, former president of Local 243 OPSEU which represents support staff, said she did not know the reason for the invitation to the luncheon; she said she thought the luncheon was a public relations meeting to plan tours of the college campuses.

She said she was not notified whether she was to make any presentation on behalf of support staff. As far as she knew no other representative of support staff received an invitation.

SOME NEEDS

I.J. Giancarlo, dean, school of applied arts, said he would be showing two council members the Theatre Centre on Empire Avenue, Welland, letting them examine the "evident need" for a new building in the future. He said they saw the students at work in various activities preparing for A Midsummer Night's Dream. They were "impressed with the high quality of work being done under adverse conditions."

Dr. W.R. Stuart, dean of technology, said outdated equipment would be his main concern in meeting the Regents and he wanted to show them his school's needs "in a positive way." He said many of the programs are full and will continue to grow due to demand but adequate graduates cannot be turned out for today's machine and tool shops when yesterday's equipment is used for instruction.

Dr. Stuart said the school of technology has faced "seven years of bare bone budgeting." This year the budget was cut by $300,000. "How much barer can the cupboard get?"

Hans Van der Slagt, dean, school of business, said he would give the Regents a tour of the business area on the main campus that would include the student work area, and the micro-computer and processing areas. He said they will talk about the existing bilingual program and two new bilingual programs. Other topics will include a co-operative, faculty work experience and the hospitality sector of the hotel and restaurant administration, and tourism — tours and attractions programs.

Fred Habermehl, dean, school of health sciences, said he would take two Regents on a tour of his school's facilities on the main campus to inform them on types of courses offered and show them the type of equipment used.

Summer jobs give practical experience

About 18 Niagara College students may have a chance to get summer jobs combining practical experience with community involvement.

Gordon Chen, computer instructor, has applied for a grant that would involve students in two community projects that would be sponsored by the college.

Experience '80, a continuation of last year's Experience '79, deals with energy conservation. Conservation begins with the public. Mr. Chen said the government can't do anything without consumer support. This program calls for students in technology and communications. Teams of two will tour the community, hoping to make people more aware, and energy conscious.

The second project which requires technology students will involve students with local industry working on projects that could not be undertaken by regular staff. Students would be working for the industry, but paid through the government grant.

The programs will last all summer, with students earning minimum wage. He will choose the students to work on the projects. Preference will be given to those students returning to the college next September.

Although the grant has not yet been approved, one was approved last year.

Gib Parent, MP for Welland, is giving his full support, Mr. Chen said. These programs will not only help the student, but also the local community and possibly the country in the long run.

Any interested students may see Kenneth Anderson, placement officer, at the counselling centre.

No funding changes in 1980-81: Robarts

There will be no additional funds for Niagara College in the coming fiscal year.

"We will have to live with the six per cent increase we will be getting over last year's budget," Jacqueline Robarts, president of Niagara College, said.

Miss Robarts and Gary LaRose, treasurer of Niagara College, visited the ministry of colleges and universities on Tuesday, April 8, to discuss financial problems and to "see if they can find some more money to help us," the president said.

Miss Robarts and Mr. LaRose met with the deans of the various schools Wednesday, April 9, to discuss further cuts in budgets.

The deans were asked to cut their budgets to no more than six per cent above last year's. This necessitated budget cuts from two to 20 per cent.

Some of the six per cent increase will materialize only if the college has additional seats purchased by the Canada Employment Centres as well as more fee-payers in adult training courses.

Miss Robarts said it is hoped that the budget for the 1980-81 fiscal year will be presented at a finance and property committee meeting of the Board of Governors on May 8 and that final approval will be given at the monthly meeting of the Board of Governors May 22.

Technical students petition for computer improvement

By SHEELAGH CAYGILL
Staff Writer

About 40 mechanical engineering students have signed a petition complaining of a lack of access to computer terminals and asking for improvements in the computer system within the school of technology.

"The problem is that there are too few computers and not enough storage space in the existing computers," said Ken Horner, first-year mechanical engineering technician student, who circulated the petition.

The petition has been presented to William Walker, chairman of the mechanical and civil division.

Technology's budget of $60,000 barely keeps the machines running, Mr. Walker said.

STILL EXCELLENT

But, he said, a student can still receive an excellent education in the school of technology at Niagara College despite budget cutbacks.

Mr. Walker said the faculty are dedicated and because the school of technology is equipment-oriented, they try and spend the budget "the best way we can."

He said compromises can be made within the program structures and equipment purchases.

Albert Mills, computer programming instructor, said the computer system, EDU-25, in the Mackenzie building, has five terminals — one printer and four video.

The system has 80 to 90 users; 37 first-year technology students and 10 second-year surveying students. It is occasionally used by second-year mechanical technology students and second-year refrigeration students.

DISC FULL

Ken said, "Students prepare a program for a computer and find the disc within the terminal is full. Students then go to a catalogue and remove other students' programs.

Students have the option of using the Varian system in the Lundy building. Ken said, "The Varian system is hooked up with registration; it's unsatisfactory and a student can waste a whole period waiting to use it if the terminals are down." The Varian system is heavily used by electronics and business students.

Philip Beswick, co-ordinator of first-year mechanical engineering technicians, said the code "EDU-25" is the soft-ware computer language for that computer. When a student develops a program for EDU-25, it cannot be transferred to another computer.

Apart from the computer programming courses, the EDU-25 system provides tapes to operate numerically-controlled milling machines in technology. With delayed access to the computer, or loss of a program, students will not be able to design a tape

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SUICIDES: Every year 4,000 young people take their own lives as an alternative to coping with society's pressures

BY KAREN RUNKA
Staff Writer

Once... he wrote a poem
And he called it Chops
Because that was the name of his dog
And that's what it was all about.

And the teacher gave him an "A"
and a gold star
and his mother hung it on the kitchen door
And read it to all his aunts.

Once... he wrote another poem
And he called it "Question Marked Innocence"
Because that was the name of his grief
And that's what it was all about.

And the professor gave him an "A"
And a strange and steady look.
And his mother never hung it on the kitchen door
Because he never let her see it.

Once... at 3 a.m. he tried another poem
And he called absolutely nothing
Because that's what it was all about.

And he gave himself an "A"
And a slash on each damp wrist
And hung it on the bathroom door
Because he couldn't reach the kitchen.

By a 15-year-old boy two years before he committed suicide.

Every year more than 4,000 young people take their own lives. Another 400,000 try. The suicide rate among 15 to 24-year-olds has doubled in the 70s.

These teenagers who want to kill themselves use such methods as overdoses, guns, hanging, jumping from high places or slashing their wrists. Other bizarre methods include swallowing fish hooks or table forks and gassing themselves with stove fumes and car exhaust fumes.

The majority of attempts are made between 3 p.m. and midnight. Ironically, they are made during the spring months when the trees are blossoming and new life forms are beginning.

"Many peoply don't look at it as the beginning of spring," Linda Case, psychology-sociology instructor, said. "They see it as the tail end of winter. They're looking at a very depressing time in their lives."

Most people with the intention of committing suicide feel depressed, helpless and hopeless. Based on her readings, teaching, people she's talked to and people she's worked with, Mrs. Case believes young people "internalize the expectations of perfection" into themselves. "They are trying to meet conflicting expectations," she said.

Teen years are extremely difficult times, she said. They need the approval of peers and family. The conflict occurs when the young people try to meet everyone's expectations.

CRY FOR HELP

Most people considering suicide cry out for help before they actually try to kill themselves, but all too often these cries are left unheard.

Until the last moment before a suicide attempt, suicidal people give out messages and clues, some by the way they act, others by the things they say. All these cries, no matter how trivial or annoying they might appear, should be taken seriously.

Suicide is still considered a social taboo, something which is ignored and untalked about. No problem can be resolved or prevented unless it is acknowledged and treated. Still, society denies, or rather doesn't accept the existance of any subject that involves self-killing.

But clearly, suicide does intrude on the lives of many young people. There is still a lot to learn about suicide but the myths and mysteries that have accompanied the idea of suicide still grow and blur the knowledge there is about the subject. They prevent people from coping with the problem which grows more pressing every year.

Many young people try to resolve their problems of growing up by taking their own lives.

"Suicide has become one of the alternatives to coping," Mrs. Case said. "They choose to opt out and say forget it."

The young man whose school grades are dropping and attitude is poor could be a likely candidate for committing suicide. Emotional depression and social problems are contributing factors to suicide.

Although many young people try to commit suicide, most do not wish the act to be completed.

Even the most self-destructive person does question their instinct. Unfortunately, many young people who change their minds after swallowing pills or jumping, do not live.

The majority of people who commit suicide do so as a result of severe depression. "Based on previous bad experiences people could commit suicide. They don't necessarily need to be depressed," Mrs Case said.

They try to kill themselves because "it is the most dramatic thing they could do," Mrs. Case said. "it is caused by lack of recognition, lack of approval and lack of attention to the needs of these kids," she said. There is a thin line drawn between those who attempt suicide and those who complete the act.

NEGATIVE VIEW

Profound feelings of worthlessness and a lack of confidence seems closely related to suicide attempts. These people have a negative view about themselves and believe there is no way to get out of the "rut" they are in.

Suicidal people have a negative view of the world around them and their usefulness in it. They distort reality and find the slightest challenge a burden.

Finally, depressed people have a negative view of the future. They expect little good to come their way and decide that they will never feel better.

The clinically depressed need help from their family, friends and, in many cases, professionals.

Prevention of teenage suicides must be dealt with. Suicide prevention centres are set up in many large cities. "Cope lines" are used in some areas. There are people to talk to for a person needing help; for a person considering suicide as a way out.

Perhaps it is time society stands up and looks around at its world. Teenagers are dying. Doesn't anyone care? Many teenagers today can identify with the words of the theme song MASH: "suicide is painless," living isn't.

"Suicide is not the problem. The problem is a lack of communication and a lack of self-understanding," Mrs.Case said.

If other people become aware and concerned about the appalling death figures among the young and if they learn to recognize the messages and act on the clues, they may be able to prevent the final, irreversible message, the one that says: "I gave up."

HOWDY ROWDY CLUB
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First air supported roof successfully completed

By ROSEMARY POWELL
Staff Writer

After months of planning, the world's first air supported dome steel roof has been completed over the Dalhousie sports complex in Halifax.

Don Carr, vice-president of Blenkhorn and Sawle Ltd., St. Catharines, told members of the American Society of Heating Refrigeration Air Conditioning Engineers Inc. (ASHRAE) this roof showed a high level of permanency and had a low capital cost.

The roof was completed on Feb. 28, 1979, over a sports complex and has proved to be a success, he said. It is hoped that the building itself will be a success when it is opened this summer.

When the intense preparation and planning was completed, construction could begin, Mr. Carr said. After the 140,000 pounds of steel was molded into position, the 3½ miles of accurate welding was completed and all the necessary machines were installed, the roof was ready for inflation. Twenty minutes was all the time needed for the roof to rise from its flat position to the dome shape. The completed roof was 300 feet long, 240 feet across and, in its deflated position, was still 15 feet from the ground.

"The larger the span, the more attractive the roof," Mr. Carr said.

The fibreglass ceiling creates a "mirror-like" image in a very impressive building, he said.

The main portion of Mr. Carr's speech was composed of a slide presentation on various roof constructions. Mr. Carr explained that the "balloon principle" was the cheapest way of roofing except that if any puncture whatsoever occurred, the roof would deflate. The answer to this problem would be the air supported stainless steel dome roof.

Mr. Carr showed an example of the principle's permanency by mentioning the Chrysler building in New York. Stainless steel was the material used in the dome of it and for the past 50 years has needed no repairing, except cleaning.

Asked how the designer, Sinoski Engineering Ltd., Willowdale, Ont., knew this technique would work, Mr. Carr said a five-foot model of the roof was made which underwent testing.

Access to the building is through revolving and air lock doors. Large entrances were constructed so that bleachers and other sports equipment could be taken in and out easily.

The roof was fabricated in St. Catharines by Blenkhorn and Sawle Ltd. and then shipped to Halifax for construction.

Jack Keon, president of ASHRAE's Hamilton branch, opened the discussion by talking about the people involved with ASHRAE, one of the largest organizations in Canada, " Mr. Keon said. "We welcome as many students as possible and encourage those interested to join."

Student membership has grown to more than 2,000 in the past couple of years. Student membership is 4,600. There are 31,000 members of ASHRAE.

We, the first-year journalism students, wish to express our appreciation to Austin Jelbert and Barbara Blue.

Without their help we would all be digging ditches by now.

Hope both of you have a fine summer; we hope to see you next year. Please!?

Computers...

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to operate the machine in the manner they wish.

Mr. Beswick said there are two problems related to the access to computers: the increasing emphasis of computers in industry and the increasing number of students taking computer programming courses at Niagara College.

Mr. Walker said, "Students are admitted into technology programs on the basis of how many graduates can be placed." "We are victims of our own success," Mr. Mills said.

He said the biggest financial expenditures in the province of Ontario are health and welfare and education. "The cut in education expenditures is not to do with education itself, but a tightening of the economy on a whole," he said.

Alan Merritt looks at some of the summer clothing displayed in the Niagara College Fashion Boutique. (Photo by Oakes

Clothes at boutique not attracting males

By KENNETH HARE
Staff Writer

Maybe most of the male student body at Niagara College are afraid of saleswomen. Or perhaps they just consider a store in which some women's clothing is displayed in the window as being strictly for the female shopper.

Whatever the case may be, second-year fashion arts students who run the boutique are seriously contemplating dropping their line of men's clothing because of poor sales.

The lack of male buyers at the boutique in the Simcoe building has merchandising instructor Dorothy Vollick baffled. She suggested that male students "might be scared away by the term boutique."

Mrs. Vollick said the term doesn't have any feminine meaning as some men might think. It actually means goods sold are in a "moderate price zone" competitive with other clothing stores selling the same quality merchandise.

Another possible explanation for the poor response from males was given by second-year fashion arts student Kelly Bubish who thought the lack of salesmen in the boutique might inhibit prospective male buyers.

Kelly ruled out the idea that the young men of the college might question prices at the boutique. She said if they do, they are wrong in doing so.

"A lot of guys might think the prices are too expensive but we aren't trying to make a huge profit," she said. "Our prices are competitive and we have sales to move merchandise and stimulate interest."

OTHERWISE SUCCESSFUL

Despite low sales in the men's department, all other sales of clothing in the boutique have "surpassed expectations," Mrs. Vollick said.

"We anticipate an even better year next year," she said. "We are planning improvement in all areas."

Mrs. Vollick said the main reason for the boutique's success was the "co-operation and enthusiasm" shown by the students in fashion arts.

She said each student was responsible for buying and selling merchandise and taking part in "performing the functions of management."

Working in the boutique and taking a responsibility helps the students comprehend what they have learned in a classroom, Mrs. Vollick said.

Kelly, who will be graduating this spring, agrees with Mrs. Vollick.

Going to Toronto as a buyer, the fashion arts students pick their own stock on a given budget, Kelly said.

"It's like being on a work week but better because most girls on a actual work week only do menial tasks," she said.

Communications seminar Apr. 26

A Neurolinguistic Programming seminar will be held April 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Welland campus.

Neurolinguistic Programming is a method to help professional people increase their communication skills to improve rapport with their clients. Psychotherapists, doctors, social workers, psychologists, psychiatric nurses, executives and communicators can benefit from the program.

Seminar instructors are Gene W. Brockopp, PhD, PC, psychologist and associate clinical professor of psychiatry (psychology) at State University of New York at Buffalo Medical School, and Dorothy Ann Brockopp, PhD candidate. They are certified neurolinguistic programmers and are also trained in hypnosis.

CFSEA college first

Jim Coburn, third-year Hotel and Restaurant student, is to be the first junior Niagara Canadian Food Service Executive Association (CFSEA) branch member to receive the CFSEA Cara award.

Jim, 23, will receive the award sponsored by Cara Operations, a major industry in food service, in Hamilton at the senior Hamilton branch meeting at the end of April. Cara sponsors the award in recognition of the junior branch members of the CFSEA

Chosen on the basis of his work with the association as president of the Niagara junior branch and his academic standing, Jim will represent the junior branch at the annual senior conference in Ottawa this June. As a winner of the branch award, Jim will receive a CFSEA blazer and become eligible for the national award in Ottawa.

This is the first year for the Niagara junior branch, which was formed in October after Hamilton senior branch president, Paul Glover, spoke to the students interested in forming a branch. Throughout the year Jim and his executive vice-presidents, Richard Bentham and David Hall, secretary Barbara Kolbuk, and treasurer Lori Wood, organized monthly meetings with guest speakers from various areas of the hotel and restaurant industry to speak to students.

No asbestos crisis at college: Spittle

The asbestos crisis does not apply to Niagara College, Jack Spittle, plant and property director, said.

"In the heating system all our dampers are metal," he said.

Some Metropolitan Toronto schools were closed down because cancer-causing asbestos were being released through the ventilation system and were being breathed by the students.

Although the school has about 28,000 square feet of asbestos, most of it is in the library ceiling and the rest is in lecture rooms, Mr. Spittle said. There is no visual problem with asbestos flaking.

As a precautionary measure, arrangements have been made with the Ontario Research Foundation to come and check the air.

The request was made in early April and Mr. Spittle is hoping to see them in about the next two weeks.

"If they find a problem we will take the necessary steps to correct it," he said.

Newspapers are ready for dogs and logs and...

By RANDY HANNAH
Staff Writer

Ah yes, another day, another dollar, and another newspaper stuck in the front door. Well, go in, sit down and look it over, then toss it with the others that you keep stacked up in the hallway.

No need to let all that precious print go to waste, folks. There are probably 100 things you can do with those papers. What about Rover, who hasn't learned that the call of nature should be conducted outdoors? He would probably use them, but you can't expect him to climb up on that stack, you have to lay them on the floor for him. You can always put down a double layer for those dogs with healthy appetites.

If you're a heavy smoker, your problems are solved. Go out and purchase a large quantity of tobacco or whatever and roll yourself some smokes. Roll some small ones, roll some BIG ones, invite your friends over; they'll help you.

Have you got a fireplace? If not, get one. You have to get rid of all those papers somehow. Invite all your friends over on a Saturday night and you can roll paper logs. Some pop and potato chips and you're guaranteed a good time.

The papers are stacking up and you just have to get rid of some, right. No problem, sneak out to-night and spray paint your neighbor's car. He will love you for it, and you'll get rid of a few pages when you cover up the windows and the chrome.

Now for all you fishermen, stop throwing those dead fish on the kitchen counter when they're not wrapped up. You've already paid for it so you may as well use it.

Well, as you can see, the problem with newspapers isn't all that drastic. They can even be used to replace the catalogue in the farm outhouse.

Collecting newspaper is something most people try to avoid — well, except when it's the Niagara News.

'Second chance' given under new legislation

By IRENE YURCICH
Staff Writer

Now you have a choice, even if you are guilty. Under the new Provincial Offences Act, an accused is able to "plead guilty with explanation."

The new act seeks to solve the problem of waiting for minor offences to appear in court by creating a simple, easier, more convenient way for the accused to contest their cases, Crown Attorney, Allan H. Root, said.

This new legislation is less cumbersome because, in most cases, the accused does not have to take time off work and police officers do not have to appear in court, Mr. Root said. It is too early to tell how effective the new law will be but it will suffer growing pains in the community.

BETTER PROCEDURE

However, Mr. Root said it is a better procedure than the previous one.

The new simple procedure applies to all offences against provincial laws and regulations, including all offences under the Highway Traffic Act, such as speeding, failure to stop at a stop sign, not wearing seat belts, and other violations involving motor vehicle safety.

Also included in the provincial statues are offences under the Liquor Licence Act, the Game and Fish Act, and the Motorize Snow Vehicles Act.

OFFENCE NOTICE

New forms have been made and this new ticket will be called an "offence notice."

Upon receipt of one of these notices a person has three options: to plead not guilty, to plead guilty, or to plead guilty with explanation.

The person has 15 days to express one of the three options.

Pleading guilty with explanation means the person charged can appear at a convenient time before a Justice of the Peace and explain why he thinks the fine should be reduced or time for payment extended.

Iranian students refused admittance

Canadian immigration officials have refused entrance of seven Iranian students into Canada, Desmond McCurry said. The immigration departartment has not yet stated the reason for its decision.

Bound for the Welland Vale campus of Niagara College, the students were to attend English classes there starting on April 14. Mr. McCurry, the chairman of divisional services, Welland Vale, said.

The students were to be coming from England with three others who are still being considered by immigration officials.

They are being sponsored by Marvin Melnyk Associates Limited, private consultants in Niagara Falls who help foreign students attending Canadian universities and colleges as one of their functions, Mr. McCurry said.

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EDITORIALS

Priorities in life?

Energy conservation is one of the biggest campaigns at present for this and many countries. However, the more we conserve, the less we consume, and the less we consume, the slower the economy grows. That poses quite a problem for governments and consumers alike.

Gasoline conservation tends to be the most prevalent in everyday life. The ever-rising cost of gasoline is forcing people to cut down on their driving or open their pocket-books a lot wider.

If people choose to drive less, this reduces wear and tear on cars, allowing consumers to buy new ones less often. When consumers do buy new ones, they are usually smaller, foreign models.

This trend causes companies to decrease production, which results in layoffs. They may only be short term at first, but when stock piles become over-stocked, permanent lay-offs occur.

Automobile companies are not the only ones affected by this. Rubber, glass, and plastics companies and many more, are drastically affected. They also solve their problems by laying off employees.

Unemployment is now rampant, and the government, and working taxpayers must support those who are unemployed. How? By raising the price of gasoline naturally, among other things.

All these unemployed people don't have any extra cash to spend on luxury goods, therefore industry in general suffers, and prices in general rise.

If people choose to open their pocket-books wider, due to price increases, those same price increases will necessitate wage increases, which mean a possible drop in profits for the company. However, how many companies are willing to take a drop in profits? None, therefore they raise prices again.

How do average consumers combat the complications of living in modern society? Who am I to tell you if the government can't even make up its mind? One minute it tells you, "conserve, save" and the next, "spend more; the economy needs your cash." Whom can we believe?

The more you look at it, the more it seems everyone is right. It's just a vicious circle. Each person must decide where his or her priorities lie and enjoy life. After all, we only live once!

Dorothy Clark

School's out!

Well, this is it — the last paper of the year. It's almost time to say good-bye for the summer and head back home.

It's been a good year, I've learned a lot, worked hard — sometimes — and met some good friends.

Last September seems a long time ago but I can still remember how nervous I was on the first day of school. I can remember seeing all the new faces, some of which are no longer present and some of which I've come to know well. I can remember meeting the teachers, wondering what kind of meat grinder they were going to put us through.

A few of the teachers I had this year for academic subjects proved themselves to be educators par excellance. Teachers such as Eugene Maltais, George Blazetich and Barry Sharpe are surely the best teachers I've ever had.

Something has to be said about the editor-in-chief and managing editor of the Niagara News. Austin Jelbert and Barbara Blue are two of the hardest working people you will ever meet. They have worked hard and long with my classmates and me to develop us into budding journalists. They are two special people who have displayed unlimited patience and understanding with us over the last eight months. It has not been an easy eight months; there have been many things to learn and many hours involved in preparing us. I think I can safely say for all my classmates that Mr. Jelbert and Mrs. Blue have our deepest thanks.

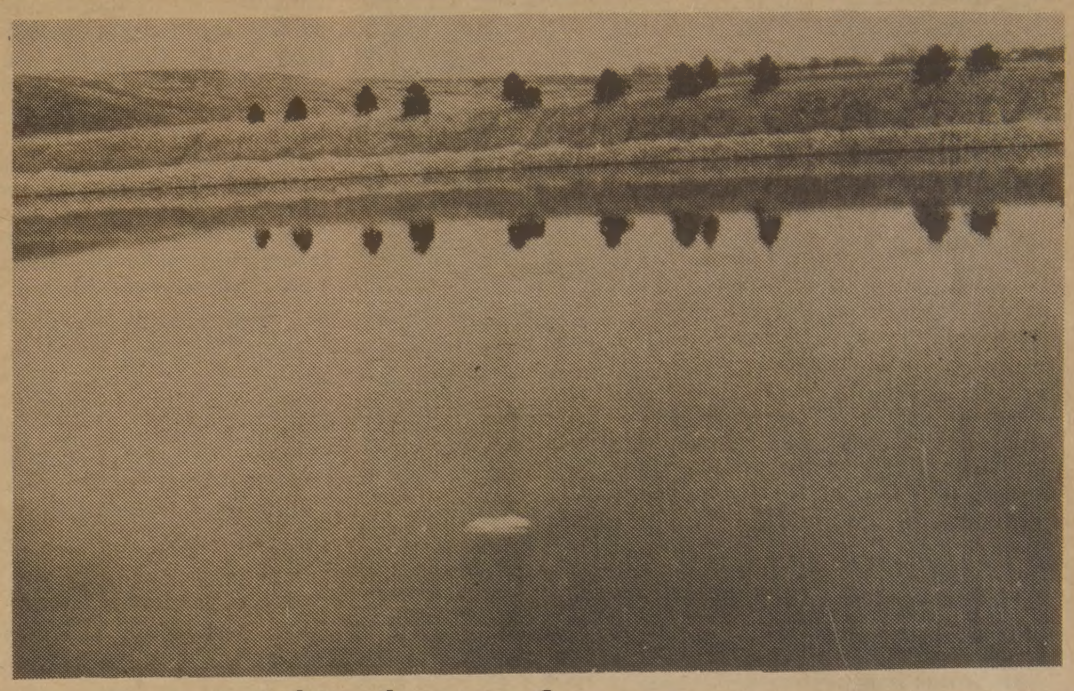
The friends I've met in college are some of the finest people I've ever met. I'm sorry I didn't get to know everyone in my class, but there is always next year.

I hope your year was as enjoyable as the year I had. To all my friends who are returning next year I will see you then and to all those who are not returning, good luck in whatever you do.

Bradford Heath

Ooops

Debbie Kerslake, Easter Seal poster child, was described as four years old in telethon coverage last edition of the Niagara News. Debbie is 13. The News regrets the error and apologizes for any embarrassment it may have caused.



The last of winter

A little iceberg drifts peace fully along the new Welland canal. The, which opened in March, is supposed to be ice free. Yet despite the fact the warmer weather melted all other ice, this stubborn piece defied Mother Nature. (Photo by Oakes)

Bullpit

Prevailing myths about divorce

By SHEELAGH CAYGILL
Staff Writer

Juvenile delinquency is prevalent among children whose parents are divorced. Rather an indiscriminate statement, I thought as I read that statement in a friend's sociology text.

My parents are divorced.

Though my reasoning told me it wasn't so, I asked myself, "Do many children whose parents are divorced grow up to be juvenile delinquents, — regardless of social, economic and religious background?"

The most intriguing notion was one of me — as the dictionary defines juvenile delinquency — being anti-social and submitting to unlawful behavior! Another stereotype about divorce; there are many and each time I discover one I analyse myself. Looking closely, as if in a mirror, I see only my reflection. Always.

BROKEN HOMES

The plight of my "broken home," as I'm sure it is for many, is not only the home life itself, but how to handle all the feedback, all the opinions this structured society gives. I perceived my home as conventional; what did I have to compare it with at a young age? The phrase itself, "broken home," not in working order, fractured? It may be fractured, but does it logically follow that it doesn't work?

With the prevailing stereotypes about divorce, I spent years looking for emotional problems. When I discovered they didn't exist, a vast emptiness revealed itself to me; thus I created my own! I spent many years trying to fit myself into moulds because my childhood, taken out of my mother's hands by courts and legal implications, was arranged for me before I lived it.

The most stringent and difficult of these moulds must be the years I spent under the dogmatic control of the Roman Catholic church. Like everything in a child's existence, the church'sdictum had a great effect on me. Twenty years ago, in a small industrial town in the northeast of England, Catholics just didn't divorce. Still, no one told me that.

A basic quality in me, as in most children, a questioning nature, was suppressed by those around me. I remember religious instruction, specifically the concept of the perfect marriage. I was only too eager to point out to the instructor that MY parents were divorced. I thought I'd enlighten my peers, but I only angered the instructor; that piece of jigsaw didn't fit. I knew I was supposed to feel uncomfortable about something! What?

My paradox: so often did I seek solace in my relationship with the church, as with so many other things, only to be left empty. Beliefs that I once adhered to were meaningless when I discovered the truth: Catholics have divorced, do divorce, and will divorce, regardless of the Catholic church's dictum.

QUESTIONS

There are infinitesimal experiences in my life that have influenced me with respect to divorce. When I was young I wondered about my friends' discomfort with regards to my situation. I was open about it — often people found my attitude disconcerting.

Asked basic questions about my home life, I answered honestly. Their reply was simply, "I'm sorry." Sorry about what? Was I supposed to be sorry, too? It got to the point where I wanted to wear a button stating "My parents are divorced," and leave it at that.

Opinions from those supposedly older and wiser, the influence of others; I began to long for the experience of a family life; consistent presence of, and marriage between, both parents. I believe, without the biased influence of many, I would have learned sooner that marriage is a compatible union between two people.

Jackie's message

Jacqueline Robarts, president of Niagara College, wishes all students success in finding a job "and furthur success in keeping a job."

In an end-of-the-year message, she said she looks forward to seeing them all at convocation in June and hopes they will come back for further education at a later date.

Miss Robarts commended the 1979-80 Student Administrative Council for guiding the student body through a busy and productive year. "It was pleasant to work with Jim Walters and his executive," she said.

She said she has appreciated the coverage of activities from the president's office by second-year students Tim Byng and Joanne Bulanda. "It is a pleasure to have responsible reporting done," she said.

Roving Reporter

Student Administrative Council president for 1980-81 Tom Mather says he is interested in student feedback for SAC to do its best job. What suggestions do you have to make for SAC in the coming year?

BY LAURIE ELLIS AND JOHN SURGEONER

Dave McCart, first-year law and security: SAC is doing a good job as it is now. I would like to see more movies though. For pubs why don't they hire law and security students instead of police to cut the cost.

Jim Putney, first-year law and security: SAC should publicize the pubs in a way more out reaching to the public to create a greater financial turnover.

Debbie Willick, first-year dental assistant: SAC needs to inform the students more of its function. They need more things to catch the students attention to form a unity with the students.

Barb Cosby, first-year business administration: There should be more advertisements for sports because we aren't really informed of what's going on. There should be better communication with the students.

Mark McBride, first-year business administration: The pubs should be moved to the weekends. If the bands are too expensive, just play albums.

Carrie Cunningham, first-year radio and television: I would like to see a newsletter either weekly or monthly to the satellite campuses. SAC should also visit these campuses more often. There should be more challenges to get people involved.

Paula McNulty, first-year radio and television: Events at school should be more widely publisized. They should move pub night to the weekend to draw more people.

Kevin Large, second-year business accounting: They should maintain their present level of efficiency but I would like to see them getting students more involved in general activities not only sports.

Ernie Billau, second-year mechanical design drafting: I would like to see SAC give more money to the clubs and also have pubs more often for the students.

Sandra Huppe, first-year general business: I am satisfied with the job SAC has done now. If they do a good job of promoting the activities it will help. If students are not interested then SAC cannot be blamed.

Inexpensive travel possible

By TAMELA CRAIG
Staff Writer

You need neither Columbus' courage nor Isabella's bullion to travel off the beaten track.

Instructor Jim Couper will show students how to travel on a peanut butter budget through Travel Know-How, a spring term course offered at Welland campus.

"Travel is a compulsion for me," the modern Columbus confessed.

He has logged "over 200,000 miles through 50 different countries" and says he is the first person to travel the ends of the earth from the world's most northerly road, in Norway, to the most southerly road, in Argentina.

For most travel: "You don't have to be adventurous — not even slightly adventurous."

Where you go "depends on your own inclination." He explained, for example, he would rule out most Asian countries for an elderly couple.

There are fewer places to travel to now than there were five or 10 years ago. He cited El Salvador, Iran, and Afghanistan. Although China is a possibility, you must travel "under their conditions." As with the Soviet Union, the Chinese must approve the itinerary and the group. It is also very expensive to get there.

"You can travel the cheapest in the poorest countries."

In Ecuador a complete meal is $1 and gasoline sells for 20 cents a gallon. He also recommends Peru and Nepal for economy.

"The most expensive are the Scandinavian countries."

The deflated dollar has caused a reversal in travel attitudes, he said. Now more Europeans are visiting North America while rising prices will cause "a lot more people in North America to travel within their own country."

He predicts automobile travel will diminish greatly while public transportation will increase. Air travel will become the cheapest form of transportation.

To travel longer it is best to have your own accommodations — a van or vehicle you can live in.

"Camping is by far the cheapest way."

He said if you stay at the Holiday Inn "you'll see the same things you do at home."

"The best part of travel is meeting people."

A basic knowledge of the language "increases enjoyment of the country at least 100 per cent."

He said the course will not help those who want a job at a ski resort in Switzerland. It will help if they are travelling in out-of-the-way countries. "Expanding people's horizons" is what Travel Know-How is all about.

The course includes basics such as customs regulations and vaccination requirements. Instruction in travel photography and two guest lecturers from travel agencies are scheduled.

For those who have ever pined for Peru, craved Crete, or languished for Libya, the $17 fee for this course could save hundreds of travel dollars.

Lawson, Petras lose bet

The challenge had been given, and the challenge had been accepted, but due to extreme pain the challengers have won.

Niagara College instructors Gordon Lawson and Elias Petras attempted to run five miles a day, to and from the college for five consecutive work days, in answer to a challenge by instructors Brian Green and Paul Davoud.

Mr. Lawson and Mr. Petras conceded the bet yesterday after they could not run the distance from school on Wednesday.

On Wednesday, there was some confusion as to the rules of the bet. Mr. Green claimed victory, but Mr. Lawson accused him of changing the final day of the bet from April 25 to April 22.

A meeting between the challengers and the challenged was held later that day, and a contract was signed, bringing back the original rules, Mr. Lawson said.

But all was over for them when Mr. Lawson and Mr. Petras could not manage the run on Wednesday.

Now, they owe Mr. Green and Mr. Davoud each a dinner at Murphy's restaurant.

ASHRAE presents awards during monthly meeting

Dave Rasmussen, first-year technology and Henry Dykema, second-year technology were presented with awards at the American Society of Heating Refrigeration Air Conditioning Engineers Inc. (ASHRAE) monthly meeting on Monday night.

The first-year award was given for the best presentation of calculations and drawings for a residential warm air heating system. The second-year award was given for submitting the best technical report on a topic related to the air conditioning industry.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Ethnic atmosphere for annual dinner

An evening of international flavor was what the Niagara College Hotel Club featured at its 10th annual international dinner last Saturday in Niagara Falls.

The Sheraton-Brock Crystal ballroom decorated in the international theme held almost 270 guests for dishes such as Ukrainian pork shish kabob, French filet de sole en goujon and old English hip of beef.

The atmosphere of the dinner was captured by the ethnic costumes of waiters and waitresses compliments of Studio Enterprises and a display of international dolls. After the buffet, guests danced to the music of the Nu-Tones.

All plans for the dinner were made entirely by the hotel and restaurant students, said Barbara Dales, co-ordinator of the dinner. After purchasing, preparing, staffing and setting up on their own time, the club members under the guidance of instructor Dominic Diodati, started cooking the international cuisine.

"We find we set high standards for ourselves," Barbara said. "It is a lot of work but it is also a lot of fun."

ARE ORGANIZERS

In January the committee was elected to be the organizers of the operation. Each committee head, with Barbara and her assistant, Eileen Wolaniuk, were responsible for recruiting volunteers as staff for each area and then training them.

"It involves all the student body," Barbara said. Students were involved in all areas even if it was only selling tickets. It is a working experience for what students have already learned in class.

"It is a chance to put theory into practice," Barbara said. It gives students the practical experience in areas where they have never worked before. Some students felt it would be a valuable exposure to the different aspects of the hotel and restaurant business and experience for future jobs.

Each year the students organize two dinners, a Christmas dinner and the international buffet. The profit from the dinners this year are contributed to an end of the year dinner for the students. It will be a chance for the students to be on the receiving end of table after working at both dinners.

Malone goes West

Dennis Malone, chairman of the English department, will spend the month of June working in an ex-officio capacity for Vancouver Community College as work experience.

He made a request to the Vancouver college for the job experience and was readily accepted by Anthony Manera, principal of the college and former president of Niagara.

Mr. Malone will help to analyse and make recommendations about courses offered on the campus with attention to information about enrolment trends, instructional techniques, course outlines and revisions and related matters. He will also help in the updating and revision of a number of advisory committees throughout the college.

Fashion students conduct seminar

For that important job interview, it's vital to dress to suit your own personality, two fashion arts students told secretarial students Wednesday.

Cindy Renwick and Cathy Potter, first-year fashion arts students, were giving one of four presentations at a self-improvement seminar in the Hamilton Room. The three other presentations were on pedicures and manicures, hair care and make-up.

"The clothes you wear reflect your personality type," Cathy said.

A natural personality reflects a spontaneous, compatible person who wears comfortable clothes that are easy-care separates. An independent woman is an intellectual and picks an easily adaptable wardrobe.

For an office interview they suggested a simple classic blazer and skirt, and plain pumps that are not too high.

Lysander, Don Dodds, holds back Hermia, Liz Christmas, from striking her once-beloved friend Helena, Karen Wettlaufer, in a scene from the Theatre Centre's upcoming production A Midsummer Night's Dream. (Photo by Lawson)

Midsummer Night's Dream insight — behind the scenes

By ALISON BAILEY
Staff Writer

The hundred-seat theatre is filled to capacity. The buzzing and talking begin to simmer down as the trumpets sound. A few shuffles are heard behind the curtains.

The theatre is silent. The curtains open. The play has begun.

Instead of the actors appearing on stage, the directors and designers do. Instead of the Shakespearean scenery, there are offices, desks and school rooms.

The stage fades to black and the story begins in a small room in the Theatre Centre. Directors and designers are meeting to exchange ideas.

This is behind the scenes of the centre's newest production — Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream which opens Monday night.

Set designer Doug McLean said the script "conjured up images in my head."

He created a circular set on a 15-degree angle. Basically in green, it depicts the forests with toadstools, flowers and trees.

Technical director Phil Phelan, who decides what materials are to be used for the set, said "This is going to be the most beautiful show ever done between Toronto and Niagara-on-the-Lake."

While the set was being built, the costumes were made under the direction of Joan Davies, costume designer.

Lighting, sound, carpentry, costume, props, make-up and scenic painting crews are all students working on the aspects of the production.

A Midsummer Night's Dream can be seen at the Niagara College Theatre Centre Monday until Saturday. Matinees begin at 1:30 p.m., except Saturday, and evening shows at 8 p.m.

The cost is $2.50 for matinees and $3 for evening performances. For reservations or more information call 735-0550 or 688-1380, ext. 471 or 479.

NC students' paintings purchased by college

Two paintings from the first student art show at Niagara College have been chosen to hang in the schools of applied arts and technology.

Applied arts has bought Tranquility by Percy Barnes, a general college diploma student, I.J. Giancarlo, dean, said.

The school of technology has bought The Port Colborne Harbor, a work by Mary Prittie of St. Catharines, a continuing education student, Dr. William Stuart, dean of technology, said.

Twenty pieces of art — paintings, sketches and sculpture — from 51 submitted for the first student art show at the Hennepin Art Gallery are on display until April 26. Each of the four schools at Niagara decided to buy one piece of art for display at the college.

Dr. Stuart, dean of technology, said the picture The Port Colborne Harbor was the logical choice, as it depicts this area.

He said he was disappointed that more than half the art work was not for sale, making the choice difficult.

Describing the applied arts choice, Mr. Giancarlo said Tranquility was originally not for sale but the selecting committee, of which he was part, liked the painting enough to put in a bid for it anyway.

Percy accepted the offer which the committee thought was reasonable, Mr. Giancarlo said.

The painting will be displayed in the reception area of the applied arts office where it can be best viewed and appreciated by the "flow of traffic" going through, he said.

The purchase of the painting was a first, Mr. Giancarlo said. It was done mainly to show interest and support in the work of the student.

Mr. Giancarlo said works of art were donated in the past by students in theatre arts who had done paintings as a class exercise.

SAC bush-bash to be May 17

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) will hold the second annual Bush-bash on Saturday, May 17 at Hilltop farms on Hansler Road, Fonthill.

Tickets of $7 include two bands, beer, hayrides, contests, food and beverages. The bash begins at 2 p.m. and tickets are available at the SAC office.

In case of rain, it will be held May 18 or 19.

Registration for summer courses

Registration for summer courses at Niagara College begins May 26 and ends June 12.

Some courses offered this year are: Key Punch, How to Start a Small Business, Financial Accounting 1, a two-day Emergency Medical Care Assistant course for ambulance drivers and attendants, Creating with Glass, Conversational French 1, Golf Clinic and Young People's Photography.

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Knights take consolation

The Niagara Knights finished their season with a 10-6, win-lose record. The Knights were eliminated from the semi-finals by Canisius College, 8 to 7, but won the consolation trophy by defeating Erie College. The Knights scored 130 goals this season and only allowed 90 goals to be scored against them.

First memorial dirt-track races to honor journalism graduate

A memorial race is being held for Bob Harpwood, Niagara College journalism graduate who was killed in a motorcycle accident last summer, aged 20.

The race will be held May 31, 1980, at the Welland County Speedway with proceeds going to the Bob Harpwood Memorial Fund. The fund will be used to improve lighting facilities at the Welland County Speedway and to promote the sport.

A memorial plaque, commemorating Bob, and two light standards will be unveiled at the first annual Bob Harpwood Memorial Race.

The plaque reads: "Bob Harpwood, Dec. 10, 1958 — Aug. 23, 1979, In loving memory of Bob Harpwood, #17 Expert, A man without hatred in his heart, only love for his sport, and an overwhelming desire to compete. He's no longer with us, but he lives on in our hearts. May these lights shine forever on his friends."

Heats, semi-finals, and finals will be held in each of the divisions: junior, senior, expert and speedway. There is a $1,500 purse to be divided among the four divisions. Contingency prizes from motorcycle manufacturers will also be awarded to the winning riders.

The memorial race has been in the planning for the past month. Members of the committee involved with the race include Joyce Wallace, Bob's sister; Ross MacDonald; Audrey Alexander; Bill Jamieson; Pete Schuringa; Al Foyt; Pete Thompson and John Clare.

Members of the Welland County Motorcycle Club and the American Motor Maids will serve as honor guards at the race.
race.

Bob, who was killed during practice at the Welland county Speedway, began riding at the age of nine.

At 13, he began racing moto-cross throughout Ontario. Bob raced moto-cross for two years, during which he moved up to the senior division.

Bob began dirt track racing when the Welland County Speedway began sponsoring dirt track racing. Moving up quickly through the junior and senior divisions, Bob became an expert rider at the age of 17. He was sponsored on the track by Clare's Cycle and Sports.

In his first year of racing in the expert class, Bob finished third overall in the 360 cc class.

During his second year of dirt track racing, he finished second overall in the 360 cc class and was the high point winner in the 750 cc class.

In 1978 Bob was again the high point winner in the expert class riding a 750 cc Harley-Davidson.

Bob was the first person to win the 750 cc class two years in a row. Bob was also the Ontario high point winner in 1977 and 1978 in short track racing. He also raced one-half mile events all over Ontario and in Ohio, Michigan and Daytona, Florida.

Ocean scuba-diving like walking in space

By SHEELAGH CAYGILL
Staff Writer

It's often been compared to walking in space; scuba-diving and the oceans are as much as new frontier for man's exploration as is space itself. For Mark Halden, 26, scuba-diving offers the freedom no other pastime does, freedom within the depths of the ocean that can't be found else where.

Mark, who lives in St. Catharines, became interested in scuba-diving when he was 18 while attending Conestoga College. Like most students, Mark needed a form of recreation aside from his studies. The government enforced the law that scuba-divers must be certified to rent equipment and get air tanks filled; Mark took a course in scuba-diving and became a licensed scuba-diver.

"I got my certificate so I could continue diving," he said. He is also a member of the Association of Canadian Underwater Councils (ACUC). The association, recognized worldwide, is strictly Canadian.
courses, diving safety, and certifies people who wish to dive in Canada. The standards of the association must be met to dive in Canada.

SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT

Mark, a mechanical assistant on the ships passing through the Great Lakes, owns scuba-diving equipment valued at more than $2,000. A lot of his equipment is specialized, including a sea-view guage, which gives an indication of tank air content, a depth guage, compass, underwater camera, metal detector, and bouyancy control vest.

"You can start off at $500 to buy basic scuba-diving equipment," Mark said.

"The experience of being underwater is hard to describe. My senses are so alert when I'm underwater, it's incredible. Every second brings something new. I'm never lonely even though I don't hear much apart from my breathing and heartbeat."

Although some divers are beginning to notice pollution beneath the waves, Mark said he feels the beauty found under the ocean is the most precious part of nature. "The plant, coral, and tropical fish appear in every color under the rainbow; it's all so beautiful," he said, refering to his trips to some of the warmer ocean areas in the world. He has dived in the Carribean, Florida, Cuba, Jamacia, St. Lucia and the Bahamas.

YEAR ROUND

Mark prefers diving in warm waters, but said "scuba-diving is not restricted by weather conditions; a person can dive 365 days a year, 24 hours a day."

It was diving in cold weather in Georgian Bay that Mark and a friend had a near-fatal accident. At a depth of 190 feet, Mark's friend's regulator jammed in the closed position, forcing them to breathe with only Mark's regulator. As they surfaced, oxygen was wasted each time the regulator was passed from one diver to the other. Mark took a deep breath, passed the tank to his friend and surfaced as soon as he could. Mark said the experience made him "most nervous," and emphasized the fact that one should never dive alone.

"Diving equipment is so good, with so many back-up syatems very few mistakes are made," Mark said. "Stupidity causes errors and if a diver makes a bad mistake, it could kill him."

Scuba-diving requires a lot of physical strength Mark said. Expressing his love for the sport, he said: "I once carried 80 pounds of equipment a mile to spend 40 minutes in the water!"

Stay in shape

Students intending to participate in rowing, golf, tennis and cross-country running should keep in shape during the summer.

Competition in rowing, golf, tennis and cross-country running starts early next term and the athletes should be ready, Peter Rylander, athletic co-ordinator, said.

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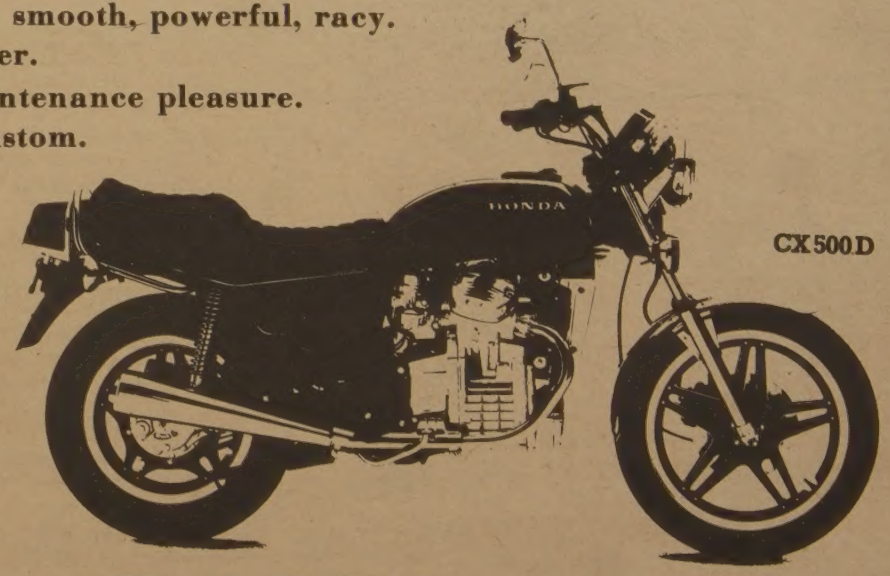

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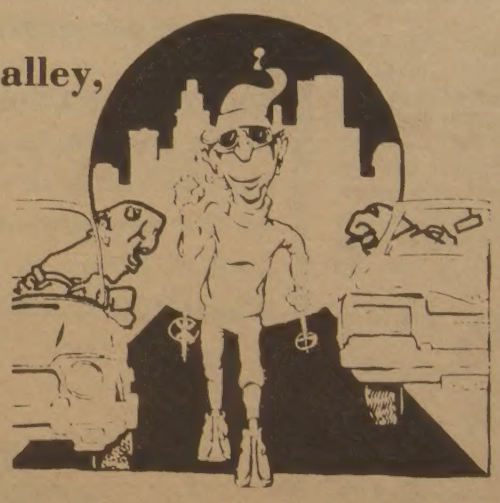

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